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AMENDMENT

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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application in response to the Office Action dated April 10, 2002.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claim 6 without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter thereof.

Please rewrite claims 7 and 8 in independent form as follows:

1. (amended) A recording medium comprising:
a disk-like substrate;
at least one track being provided on the disk-like substrate;
a zone including said at least one track therein;